

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 3510 - SB 3421

March 11, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases, from 30 to 36 months, the age of a toddler who qualifies for care in a child care agency. Deletes provisions within Tennessee Code Annotated regarding rule and emergency rule making by the Department of Human Services regarding age categories of children in the care of a child care agency.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$1,106,600

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Human Services (DHS), increasing the age by six months for toddlers receiving care in a child care agency will result in increased staffing costs for providers to meet required child-to-staff ratios.
- The proposed classification expansion will also result in increased expenditures for DHS for children participating in the Child Care Certificate Program (CCCP).
- Based on the age of children currently enrolled in CCCP, DHS estimates that approximately 3,040 children will fall under the provisions of this bill.
- Weekly costs are approximately \$14 per child.
- Six months, or 26 weeks, of additional service will be provided children in CCCP.
- The recurring increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$1,106,560 (3,040 children x \$14 per child x 26 weeks).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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